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BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton Reminds Californians They Might Qualify for Tax Credits

Los Angeles – California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Chairman Jerome E. Horton encourages Californians to find out whether they qualify for tax credits as the nation celebrates Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Awareness Day on January 31, 2014.

EITC Awareness Day is a national grassroots effort to raise awareness of this refundable federal tax credit. Unfortunately, many individuals and families are unaware that they may qualify for this credit that puts money in their pockets.

“The EITC is a tool that can help lift low-income Californians out of poverty,” said BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton. “This fantastic opportunity only comes around once a year, and we want to make sure eligible Californians know about it so they can get it.”



The federal government is offering up to \$6,044 in EITC for qualifying households that earn as much as \$51,567 annually. Free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) events throughout California help qualified taxpayers receive much-needed federal and state tax credits. Every year, VITA volunteers who have been trained and certified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offer free tax-filing assistance for individuals and families who qualify based on their income levels. Some locations offer assistance in languages other than English.

Visit Chairman Horton's website to find the [nearest VITA event](#) and learn more about [the EITC](#).

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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